

## REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed **April 19, 2004**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-25, and 27-33. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-25, and 27-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maier et al. (USPN 5,625,815, hereinafter "Maier").

### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Maier. Applicant respectfully points out that Maier teaches a method for **creating an index of the data** in any specified column (see Maier, col. 5, lines 18-28). Additionally, Maier teaches processing audit records **only for an old partition** for an "audit fixup" (see col. 8, lines 35-40).

In contrast, the present invention **conditionally creates audit records** for accesses to databases **depending on the value of a specific field** in a given row of the database (see page 9, line 15 to page 10, line 7 of the instant application). Conditionally creating audit records for accesses to databases depending on the value of a specific field in a given row of the database allows the present invention to produce an audit report containing only the desired entries. This can greatly reduce the amount of data in an audit file by recording only accesses to rows containing specific values. There is nothing within Maier, either explicit or implicit, which suggests conditionally creating audit records for access to databases depending on the value of a specific field in a given row of the database. In fact, Maier teaches creating audit entries for **each** transaction (see Maier, col.4, lines 10-12).

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to clarify that the present invention conditionally creates audit records for accesses to databases depending on the value of a specific field in a given row of the database. These amendments find support on page 9, line 15 to page 10, line 7 of the instant application,

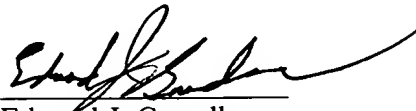
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 3-5, 7-10 and 31, which depend upon claim 1, claims 13-15, claims 17-20

and 32, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 23-25, 27-30 and 33, which depend upon claim 21, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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